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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BD FOREIGN MINISTER ON GOI- BDG OFFER TO
PAKISTAN

1. PURPOSE OF FONMIN' S CALLING ME TO HIS OFFICE THIS EVENING
WAS TO CONVEY PRESS RELEASES (DACCA 1671 AND DACCA 1672).
FONMIN WAS OPENLY PLEASED THAT HE HAD SOMETHING POSITIVE TO
OFFER ON EVE OF DEPSEC' S VISIT. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG
WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE TO BRING PAKISTAN TO UNDERSTAND
THAT GOI- BDG INITIATIVE IS AN EARNEST EFFORT TO RESOLVE
HUMANITARIAN ISSUES WITHOUT WAITING FOR RECOGNITION.

2. FONMIN FRANKLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT BD HAD BEEN PUT AT DIS-
ADVANTAGE ON POW RETENTION BUT ASSERTED THAT BD HAD NOW
MADE A MAJOR ACCOMODATION IN PUTTING ASIDE RECOGNITION ISSUE
DESPITE " PROVOCATION" INHERENT IN NEW PAK CONSITUION
RELATING TO EAST BENGAL TERRITORY.

3. FONMIN CLEARLY IMMENSELY RELIEVED TO HAVE COME UP
FROM BEHIND AFTER PUBLIC EMBARRASSMENT OF HAKSAR MISSION IMPASSE.
DESPITE PATENT BARGAINING ELEMENTS INHERENT IN GOI- BDG COMMUNIQUE,
HOPE DEPSEC WILL BE DISPOSED TO OFFER WORDS OF CONGRATULATION
AND ENCOURAGEMENT, WORDS WHICH FONMIN NO DOUBT FEELS HE
HAS EARNED BY DINTHVF STRENUOUS EFFORT PARTICULARLY IN MOVING
MUJIB FROM LAST WEEK' S INTRANSIGEANCE.
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4. INASMUCH AS OTHER DIPLOMATIC CHIEFS OF MISSION WERE WAIT-
ING IN THE ANTEROOM TO SEE FONMIN, THERE WAS NO CONVENIENT

OPENING TO SOUND OUT FONMIN ABOUT OTHER TOPICS HE MIGHT HAVE
IN MIND TO RAISE WITH DEPSEC TOMORROW.
NEWBEREN THESE AMENDMENTS ACCEPTABLE TO
LEBANESE.

3. PARSONS URGED THAT IN VIEW OF RAPID PACE OF DEVELOP-
MENTS AND TO REDUCE RISK OF CROSSED WIRES, NEW YORK
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED PRIMARY CHANNEL FOR FURTHER US/ UK
CONSULTATIONS.

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